



What is claimed is:

1. (Currently amended) A method for producing hydrazine that can exist at room temperature and atmospheric pressure, comprising;
  - (A) subjecting molecules of nitrogen in their ground vibrational state to two-photon absorptions, using nanosecond high-energy laser pulses of wavelengths near the infrared and blue-purple ranges to form excited nitrogen from said ground state;
  - (B) interacting said excited nitrogen subjected to said near infrared wavelengths ~~(0.75—1 micron)~~, between 0.75 micron and 1 micron, with high -pressure N<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub> mixtures to form said hydrazine; and
  - (C) alternatively, embedding said excited nitrogen subjected to said blue-purple wavelengths ~~(0.35—0.4 microns)~~, between 0.35 micron and 0.4 micron, and laser intensities between 10<sup>11</sup> W/cm<sup>2</sup> and 10<sup>12</sup> W/cm<sup>2</sup> in water to form said hydrazine.
2. (Currently amended) A process for producing hydrazine with nitrogen and hydrogen as raw materials and comprising the steps of:
  - (A) generating a large quantity of photons from a high-energy laser pulsed source, with pulse energy 10<sup>5</sup> J per pulse;
  - (B) passing said photons through a laser amplifier pumped by an arc lamp to produce photons with increased pulsed intensity, with pulse intensities between 10<sup>11</sup> W/cm<sup>2</sup> and 10<sup>12</sup> W/cm<sup>2</sup>;
  - (C) introducing said intensified pulsed laser photons to excite nitrogen molecules from said nitrogen raw materials through two-photon absorptions so that said nitrogen molecules are induced to make transitions from the ground vibrational state thereof to excited vibrational states in the ground electronic configuration;

(D) flowing said excited nitrogen molecules after said laser pulse excitation to a high-pressure vessel so as to cause effective collisional-mixing leading to a new vibrational energy state;

(E) flowing said nitrogen molecules at said new vibrational energy state from said high-pressure vessel to a container containing hydrogen from said hydrogen raw materials which reacts with said new vibrationally excited nitrogen molecules to form hydrazine; and

(F) cooling said hydrazine and leading to a liquid form of output.

3. (Currently amended) The process of claim 2 wherein the photon wavelengths are from the longest visible red to near infrared wavelengths ~~(0.76  $\mu$ m to 1  $\mu$ m)~~ between 0.76  $\mu$ m and 1  $\mu$ m.

4. (Original) The process of claim 3 wherein said photons used are near-infrared laser photons produced from a Nd: YAG laser.

5. (Currently amended) The process of claim 2 wherein the photons come from a short-pulse laser source, with pulse length between 0.1 nanoseconds and 1 nanoseconds.

6. (Currently amended) The process of claim 2 wherein the desired photon intensity between  $10^{11}$  W/cm<sup>2</sup> and  $10^{12}$  W/cm<sup>2</sup> comes from a laser amplifier pumped by flashlamps.

7. (Original) The process of claim 6 wherein said flashlamp is a cesium-neon arc lamp.

8. (Original) The process of claim 2 wherein said pulsed intensity is at least  $10^{11}$  W/cm<sup>2</sup>.

9. (Original) The process of claim 2 wherein the molecule ratio of said hydrogen to said nitrogen is 2:1.

10. (Original) The process of claim 2 wherein the method of cooling is a

cyclic water flow system equipped with a heat exchanger.

11. (Currently amended) The process of claim 2 wherein said hydrazine is cooled to ordinary temperature and pressure (1 atm and 25 °C), but not higher than 150 °C.
12. (Currently amended) A process for producing hydrazine with nitrogen and water as raw materials and comprising the steps of:
  - (A) generating a ~~large number~~ quantity of photons from a high-energy laser-pulsed source, with pulse energy  $10^5$  J per pulse;
  - (B) producing photons with increased pulse intensity after traversing a laser amplifier pumped by an arc lamp, with pulse intensities between  $10^{11}$  W/cm<sup>2</sup> and  $10^{12}$  W/cm<sup>2</sup>;
  - (C) introducing said intensified pulsed laser photons to excite nitrogen molecules from said nitrogen raw materials through a two-photon absorption process so that said nitrogen molecules are induced to make transitions from the ground vibrational state thereof to excited vibrational states in the ground electronic configuration;
  - (D) flowing said nitrogen, after said laser pulse excitation to produce excited nitrogen, into a vessel containing water so as to have good mixing between said excited nitrogen and said water; and
  - (E) providing an outlet so that the gas molecules consisting of the ground states of O<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> can bubble out.
13. (Currently amended) The process of claim 12 wherein the photons used are XeCl excimer laser photons ~~(wavelength 0.35 μm)~~ of wavelength 0.35 μm.
14. (Original) The process of claim 12 wherein the photons used are in the shortest visible blue with wavelength of 0.4 μm.

15. (Original) The process of claim 12 wherein the photons used have wavelengths between  $0.35\mu\text{m}$  and  $0.4\mu\text{m}$ .
16. (Currently amended) The process of claim 12 wherein the photons come from a short-pulse laser source, having pulse length between 0.1 nanoseconds and 1 nanosecond.
17. (Currently amended) The process of claim 12 wherein said increased photon intensity between  $10^{11} \text{ W/cm}^2$  and  $10^{12} \text{ W/cm}^2$  comes from a laser amplifier pumped by flashlamps.
18. (Original) The process of claim 17 wherein said flashlamp is a lithium-argon arc lamp.
19. (Original) The process of claim 12 wherein said pulse intensity is at least  $10^{11} \text{ W/cm}^2$ .
20. (Original) The process of claim 12 wherein the molecular ratio of said water molecules to said nitrogen molecules is at least 2:1.
21. (Original) The process of claim 12 wherein said outlet comprises a cyclic water-flow system equipped with a heat exchanger utilizing water operating at room temperature.